



South Carolina Department of Health  
and Environmental Control

Division of Procurement Services

Invitation for Bid  
Amendment -- 1

Solicitation No.: IFB-38409-5/6/10-EMW  
Date Issued: 4/26/10  
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DESCRIPTION: Contract to provide services to install and maintain Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) units at sites with petroleum releases from regulated underground storage tank sites throughout South Carolina

USING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

*The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal". Your offer must be submitted in a sealed package. Solicitation Number & Opening Date must appear on package exterior. See "Submitting Your Offer" provision.*

SUBMIT YOUR SEALED OFFER TO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

MAILING ADDRESS:

SC DHEC – Division of Procurement Services  
Bureau of Business Management  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, S.C. 29201

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

SC DHEC – Division of Procurement Services  
Bureau of Business Management  
2600 Bull Street, Room 1200 – Aycock Bldg.  
Columbia, S.C. 29201

SUBMIT OFFER BY (Opening Date/Time) May 6, 2010/2:30pm ET

(See "Deadline For Submission Of Offer" provision)

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: One (1) original

CONFERENCE TYPE: N/A

DATE & TIME: N/A

(As appropriate, see "Conferences - Pre-Bid/Proposal" & "Site Visit" provisions)

LOCATION: N/A

AWARD &  
AMENDMENTS

Award will be posted on **May 13, 2010**. The award, this solicitation, any amendments, and any related notices will be posted at the following web address: <http://www.scdhec.gov/procurement>

You must submit a signed copy of this form with Your Offer. By submitting a bid or proposal, You agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. You agree to hold Your Offer open for a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days after the Opening Date.  
(See "Signing Your Offer" and "Electronic Signature" provisions.)

NAME OF OFFEROR

(full legal name of business submitting the offer)

Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror. The entity named as the offeror must be a single and distinct legal entity. Do not use the name of a branch office or a division of a larger entity if the branch or division is not a separate legal entity, i.e., a separate corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

(Person must be authorized to submit binding offer to contract on behalf of Offeror.)

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NO.

(See "Taxpayer Identification Number" provision)

TITLE

(business title of person signing above)

STATE VENDOR NO.

(Register to Obtain S.C. Vendor No. at [www.procurement.sc.gov](http://www.procurement.sc.gov))

PRINTED NAME

(printed name of person signing above)

DATE SIGNED

STATE OF INCORPORATION

(If you are a corporation, identify the state of incorporation.)

OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY: (Check one)

(See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)

☐ Sole Proprietorship

☐ Partnership

☐ Other

☐ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt)

☐ Corporation (tax-exempt)

☐ Government entity (federal, state, or local)

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(Return Page Two with Your Offer)

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS (Address for offeror's home office / principal place of business)	NOTICE ADDRESS (Address to which all procurement and contract related notices should be sent.) (See "Notice" clause)
	Area Code - Number - Extension      Facsimile
	E-mail Address

PAYMENT ADDRESS (Address to which payments will be sent.) (See "Payment" clause)	ORDER ADDRESS (Address to which purchase orders will be sent) (See "Purchase Orders and "Contract Documents" clauses)
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment Address same as Home Office Address <input type="checkbox"/> Payment Address same as Notice Address <b>(check only one)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Order Address same as Home Office Address <input type="checkbox"/> Order Address same as Notice Address <b>(check only one)</b>

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS							
Offerors acknowledges receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue. (See "Amendments to Solicitation" Provision)							
Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See "Discount for Prompt Payment" clause)	10 Calendar Days (%)	20 Calendar Days (%)	30 Calendar Days (%)	____ Calendar Days (%)
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<b>PREFERENCES - SC RESIDENT VENDOR PREFERENCE</b> (June 2005): Section 11-35-1524 provides a preference for offerors that qualify as a resident vendor. A resident vendor is an offeror that (a) is authorized to transact business within South Carolina, (b) maintains an office* in South Carolina, (c) either (1) maintains a minimum \$10,000.00 representative inventory at the time of the solicitation, or (2) is a manufacturer which is headquartered and has at least a ten million dollar payroll in South Carolina, and the product is made or processed from raw materials into a finished end-product by such manufacturer or an affiliate (as defined in Section 1563 of the Internal Revenue Code) of such manufacturer, and (d) has paid all assessed taxes. If applicable, preference will be applied as required by law.	<b>OFFERORS REQUESTING THIS PREFERENCE MUST INITIAL HERE.</b> _____  <b>*ADDRESS AND PHONE OF IN-STATE OFFICE</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> In-State Office Address same as Home Office Address <input type="checkbox"/> In-State Office Address same as Notice Address <div style="text-align: right;"><b>(check only one)</b></div>
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<b>PREFERENCES - SC/US END-PRODUCT</b> (June 2005): Section 11-35-1524 provides a preference to vendors offering South Carolina end-products or US end-products, if those products are made, manufactured, or grown in SC or the US, respectively. An end-product is the item identified for acquisition in this solicitation, including all component parts in final form and ready for the use intended. The terms made, manufactured, and grown are defined by Section 11-35-1524(B). By signing your offer and checking the appropriate space(s) provided and identified on the bid schedule, offeror certifies that the end-product(s) is either made, manufactured or grown in South Carolina, or other states of the United States, as applicable. Preference will be applied as required by law.	<b>IF THIS PREFERENCE APPLIES TO THIS PROCUREMENT, PART VII (BIDDING SCHEDULE) WILL INCLUDE A PLACE TO CLAIM THE PREFERENCE. OFFERORS REQUESTING THIS PREFERENCE MUST CHECK THE APPROPRIATE SPACES ON THE BIDDING SCHEDULE.</b>
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**AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATION (DHEC – FEB 2007)**

- (a) The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. All actual and prospective Offerors should monitor the following web site for the issuance of Amendments: <http://www.scdhec.gov/procurement/>
- (b) Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the amendment, (2) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on Page Two, (3) by letter, or (4) by submitting a bid that indicates in some way that the bidder received the amendment.
- (c) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.

**Amendment Number One**

The solicitation is amended as follows:

**Questions and Answers**

1. **Question:** Will the winning bidder be required to deliver any units in storage to the next contractor or just provide access to the units?

**Answer:** The contract states: "At the close of the contract, contractor will make appropriate arrangements, as necessary, to transfer any GAC units in storage to the subsequent contractor..." This is interpreted to mean the outgoing contractor will transfer/deliver units in storage to the incoming contractor.

2. **Question:** Are any brands of equipment acceptable as long as they carry the necessary warranty?

**Answer:** The contract states: "The contractor must be familiar with the installation, repair, and maintenance of all major brands of GAC units..." GAC units that are currently in service may be any major brand and must be maintained or may require servicing. The winning contractor must familiar with all major brands of GAC units for service and repair, not just the installation of new units under warranty.

3. **Question:** Could the Department please clarify or explain the definition of a "Professional Plumber".

**Answer:** The Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation has provided the following clarification: A mechanical contractor's license with the plumbing classification would allow both commercial and residential plumbing. A license with the Residential Builders commission with a residential specialty plumbing license would be needed for residential plumbing.

For the purposes of this contract, it is considered to residential plumbing.

4. **Question:** May the installation work be performed under the guidance of a Professional Plumber?

**Answer:** The contract states: "All work under this contract must be done by a professional plumber...."

5. **Question:** Will electrical service be provided at the sites?

**Answer:** Electrical service already exists at these sites.

6. **Question:** Please explain electrical hook ups. Does electrical service already exist at these sites? Will the winning bidder be responsible for hooking into a service pole already onsite or have the service pole installed?

**Answer:** Electrical service already exists at these sites. "Electrical hook ups" refers to all electrical hardware and wiring required for installation and connection for timers.

7. **Question:** Are these various sites around South Carolina if so how many and in which towns or locations? This will factor in on cost of travel.

**Answer:** These are at various sites. The current number of units per county is as follows and may change at any time: Abbeville-2, Chester-8, Clarendon-7, Colleton-1, Dorchester-5, Florence-2, Georgetown-1, Greenwood-1, Kershaw-1, Lee-2, Lexington-4, Newberry-2, Orangeburg-4, Richland-38, Spartanburg-1 Sumter--3, Williamsburg-1, and York-17.

8. **Question:** What are the required flow rates at these sites? This will effect carbon tank size and amount of carbon therefore pricing.

**Answer:** There are no specified flow rates. Each system should provide a sufficient amount of water that meets drinking water standards and the needs of the residence. The GAC units are usually installed at private residences with water supply wells and should sized accordingly. They are usually installed on the outlet side of the pressure tank, should provide water for normal usage, and should conform to the manufacturer's specifications for both installation and maintenance.

9. **Question:** Are there any engineered drawings for this solicitation?

**Answer:** No.